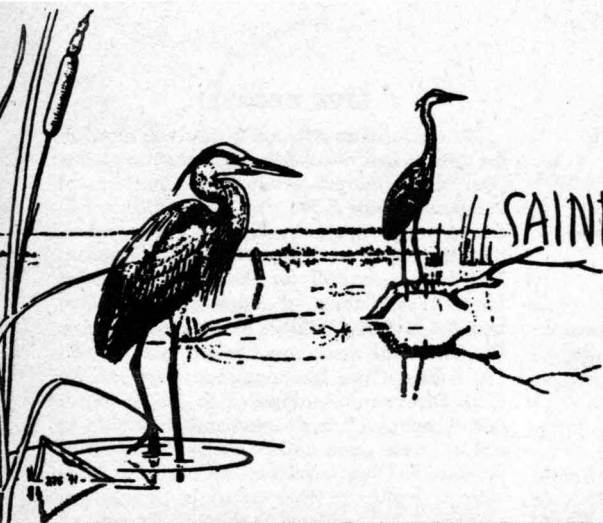




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FUN WITH BIRDS

"You never know a man well enough to marry him until after it is too late!" Laurel Reynolds received the warning, blindly went ahead, and then, too late, discovered that she had strong competition ... birds! Being a wise politician and a wiser wife, she joined the opposition party, thereby eliminating the threat. At the same time, she launched herself in the fascinating career of taking colored motion pictures of her husband's beloved birds. The product of Laurel Reynold's defense tactics, "Fun with Birds", will be the entree of our November 28 lecture. The theme of the film is that beauty and interest exist at your very door. With vivid scenes of her own garden and easily accessible places, she parades her avian neighbors before your eyes. You join the Reynolds family in having fun with birds while making pets of them. You are amused and highly entertained by baby quail walking in their sleep, the young stilt struggling with his long legs and finally giving up in exhaustion, and the sword-swallowing hummingbird young. You practically raise Timmie the robin from blue egg to adult robinhood. Gorgeous Pacific Coast scenery is the prop for nature's own drama. An itinerant skyway robber, the pomarine jaeger, is caught stealing a fish in mid air from a Forster's tern; the telephoto lens drops us obtrusively among colonies of gulls and terns. We are sure you will not want to miss this outstanding nature film on Wednesday, November 28, at 8:15 P. M. Soldan High School.

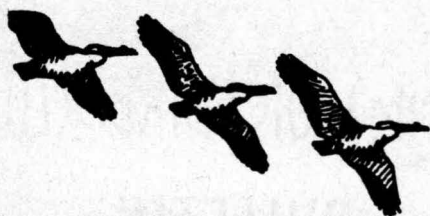
S. P. JONES HONORED

On October 29, Sterling P. Jones became the first recipient of the annual Conservation Citation of the St. Louis Bird Club. President Wayne Short, in presenting the award in the form of a scroll before an audience of over 1,000 members, paid glowing tribute to our good friend and conservationist extraordinary. Stuart O'Byrne, on behalf of Mr. Jones' many friends, presented him with an original painting of the bluebird by Athos Menaboni in appreciation of the privilege of the years of association with the ardent lover of nature. Our lecturer of the evening, Dr. W. J. Breckenridge of the Minnesota Museum of Natural History, offered up for our pleasure "Fraternalizing with Feathers". The all-color film had no end of popular



LAUREL REYNOLDS

appeal with a satisfying variety of fauna, intriguing studies of animal life processes, and frequent shots of rare beauty. In the vicinity of Minneapolis, Dr. Breckenridge recorded sequences of the hunter wasp, frogs, toads, garter snake, and a number of the birds so familiar to us all ... cuckoos, tree swallows, white-breasted nuthatch, downy, hairy, red-bellied, and pileated woodpeckers, blue jays, and pied-billed grebe. His motion pictures of the migrating whistling swans were outstanding examples of Nature, Creator of Beauty, revealing exquisite scenes of graceful white birds in a sky sapphire blue. The highlight of the film, however, was the portion devoted to the sandhill crane colony in western Nebraska. The staggeringly enormous flocks rising and settling in the fields, wheeling upward and around in an immense vibrating vortex of soaring birdlife was an impression not easily forgotten.



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With deep regret we record the passing of two of our very good members, Mrs. Martin Shaughnessy, and Clay Jordan, former member of the Board.

WILDERNESS MISCHIEF

To start the new year, a familiar face from Northfield, Minnesota will be looking down from the lecture platform. Perennial as pumpkin pie and fast becoming an institution on our season's program, popular Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill's peregrinations inevitably lead him to St. Louis. A most talented ornithologist is he, having distinguished himself in the diverse fields of writing and photography. Dr. Pettingill is absorbed at the present time in a three-year one-man research on the whooping crane sponsored jointly by the National Audubon Society and the Fish and Wildlife Service for the purpose of revealing the status of the species. After following this North American rarity across the plains states to the gulf coast by plane, car, and boat, Dr. Pettingill plans to leave the crane at his wintering grounds in order to bring to us on January 3 "Wilderness Mischief". This unusual color film is a fascinating story of a youngster in a wilderness of trees, grass, and cat-tails, attempting to solve a maze of outdoor puzzles. To see it is to understand how Dr. Pettingill has attained his present status in the field of wildlife photography. Thursday, January 3 is the important date. 8:15 P. M. Soldan High School.

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The end of the 1944-45 school year found a marked increase in Audubon Junior Clubs throughout the nation. In Missouri, the same encouraging trend was evidenced, and in St. Louis alone, 31 Clubs and 1132 children were enrolled.

LIVE DECOYS?

Periodically an attempt is made to legalize the use of live decoys in duck shooting. This year the principal effort is in the form of companion bills S-518 and H. R. 2018, introduced respectively by Illinois congressmen Senator Lucas and Representative Simpson. The bills also call for the transference of hunting regulation of migratory waterfowl from the Fish and Wildlife Service to Congress. The National Audubon Society and the St. Louis Bird Club by unanimous vote of the Club Directors are opposed to any move in this direction. It is deemed unreasonable to use a device such as live decoys to increase the total kill in a year in which official records show a decline in total waterfowl population. Likewise, it is believed that regulation of migratory waterfowl, whose flyways embrace a major number of the states, by the individual states would lead to confusion and serious depletion of our waterfowl population. We urge you to write your congressmen informing them of your stand.

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Ethel Wolfe was the delegate of the St. Louis Bird Club to the National Audubon Society's 41st Annual Convention from October 20 to October 24. Mrs. Joseph E. Vollmar also attended.

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As a possible aid to the tyro, we are listing some of the best books for bird study.

For identification in the field:

Roger Tory Peterson's **A Field Guide to the Birds** (\$2.75).

Roger Tory Peterson's **A Field Guide to Western Birds** (\$2.75).

For a convenient list of birds common to this area:

Sterling P. Jones' **Migratory and Permanent Resident Birds in the St. Louis Region**. This booklet may be obtained for 10c from Helen Einspanier, 1607 Continental Bldg., St. Louis.

For winter feeding and attracting birds to your garden:

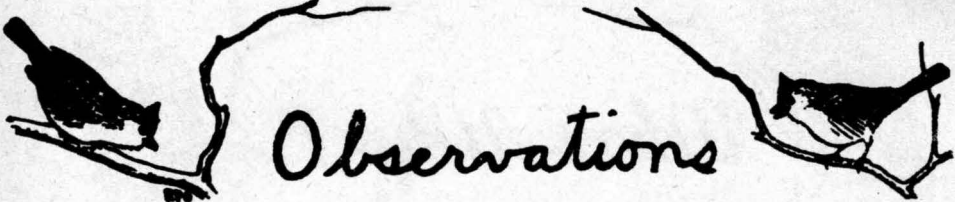
John H. Baker's **Audubon Guide to Attracting Birds** (\$2.50).

For a detailed home reference:

Frank M. Chapman's **Handbook of Birds of Eastern North America** (\$5.00).

For children:

Roger Tory Peterson's **The Junior Book of Birds** (\$2.00).



The decision of the St. Louis Bird Club to change the annual Forest Park Bird Walks from April to May of this year resulted in a record number of species being found on the first Sunday when a total of 105 was recorded by the various groups comprised of some 100 persons. 131 species were seen during the four Sundays in May. Since May is our best warbler month, it was not surprising when 28 species of these birds were found within the confines of the park. One of the best observations was that of white pelicans flying overhead. These birds are none too common in the spring in our area. Other good finds were American pipits, yellow-bellied flycatchers, cormorants, red-breasted nuthatch, cliff swallows, hooded warbler, mourning warbler, and Philadelphia vireo. The following birds were observed: white pelican, double-crested cormorant, little blue heron, eastern green heron, black-crowned night heron, mallard, common black duck, wood duck, Cooper's hawk, broad-winged hawk, sparrow hawk, bob-white, killdeer, spotted sandpiper, solitary sandpiper, lesser yellow-legs, pectoral sandpiper, semipalmated sandpiper, rock dove, mourning dove, yellow-billed cuckoo, screech owl, nighthawk, chimney swift, ruby-throated hummingbird, belted kingfisher, northern flicker, red-bellied woodpecker, red-headed woodpecker, yellow-bellied sapsucker, hairy woodpecker, downy woodpecker, eastern kingbird, northern crested flycatcher, eastern phoebe, yellow-bellied flycatcher, Acadian flycatcher, least flycatcher, olive-sided flycatcher, wood pewee, prairie horned lark, tree swallow, bank swallow, barn swallow, cliff swallow, rough-winged swallow, purple martin, blue jay, eastern crow, Carolina chickadee, black-capped chickadee, tufted titmouse, white-breasted nuthatch, red-breasted nuthatch, brown creeper, western house wren, eastern winter wren, Bewick's wren, Carolina wren, mockingbird, catbird, brown thrasher, eastern robin, wood thrush, hermit thrush, olive-backed thrush, gray-cheeked thrush, willow thrush, eastern bluebird, blue-gray gnatcatcher, golden-crowned kinglet, ruby-crowned kinglet, American pipit, cedar waxwing, starling, white-eyed vireo, yellow-throated vireo, blue-headed vireo, red-eyed vireo, Philadelphia vireo, warbling vireo, black and white warbler,

prothonotary warbler, worm-eating warbler, golden-winged warbler, blue-winged warbler, Tennessee warbler, orange-crowned warbler, Nashville warbler, northern parula warbler, yellow warbler, magnolia warbler, myrtle warbler, black-throated green warbler, cerulean warbler, Blackburnian warbler, chestnut-sided warbler, bay-breasted warbler, black-poll warbler, western palm warbler, Kentucky warbler, mourning warbler, hooded warbler, Wilson's warbler, Canada warbler, ovenbird, Louisiana water-thrush, northern yellow-throat, redstart, English sparrow, eastern meadowlark, eastern red-winged blackbird, orchard oriole, Baltimore oriole, bronzed grackle, cowbird, scarlet tanager, summer tanager, cardinal, rose-breasted grosbeak, indigo bunting, eastern goldfinch, red-eyed towhee, Savannah sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, eastern tree sparrow, chipping sparrow, eastern field sparrow, white-crowned sparrow, white-throated sparrow, fox sparrow, Mississippi song sparrow.

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On October 1st John Raferty and Earl Comfort observed a mature bald eagle flying low over north St. Louis. On the same date Hattie Ettinger found Caspian terns feeding at the partially drained Jefferson Lake in Forest Park. The terns were seen later in the week by other observers.

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Over the weekend of October 20th and 21st, Jim Jackson, Jack VanBenthuyssen, Susan Grummann, Kenneth Niewoehner, Richard Reichle, and Earl Comfort saw red-backed, stilt, and Baird's sandpipers in St. Louis County near St. Charles.

The following weekend on October 28, Hattie Ettinger, Helen Henke, and Helen Einspanier reported seven red-backed sandpipers in the same area.

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One of our diligent out-of-town St. Louis Bird Club Members, Perna M. Stine, sends us a very interesting account of her observations at Bird Haven near Olney, Ill. Her list includes observations made between April 28th and August 27th. of this year. During this period, she recorded 109 species, 62 of which nested. Rare nester was the hooded warbler.



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We extend a warm welcome to the following members who have been recorded for the 1945-46 Season as our bulletin goes to press:

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